

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses, 2011

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.153, 702 KAR 5:060

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses, 2011?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. The KBE is required to approve the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses in accordance with 702 KAR 5:060, Section 2.

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), Division of District Operations, Pupil Transportation Branch annually reviews and revises the specifications when experience, model changes, manufacturing techniques, and product improvement indicate that revision and updating is necessary.

A summary of the changes recommended for inclusion by staff is attached (Attachment 1). These include revisions in tire specifications, traffic warning signs, and seat numbering; clarification regarding local district additions to bus lettering; and a supplement relating to specifications for hybrid buses. A full copy of the Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses 2011 is also attached (Attachment 2). Changes in each attachment are indicated by strikethroughs for deletions and underlining for added language.

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends the board approve the 2011 Kentucky Minimum Bus Specifications for School Buses. The changes incorporate the changes needed to bring the specifications up-to-date to ensure the safety of students.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The Pupil Transportation Branch received input from district transportation professionals during a webinar held March 10, 2010 with the Kentucky Bus Specification Committee.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

The safety of students is of primary importance as we work to reach proficiency.

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